

Weekly Status & Information Report: August 8-12, 2011

Building Closure Monday: The Community Center building will be closed on Monday, August 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an employee appreciation event. No passport services will be available during that time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Questions? Call 301-891-7100. *(City Manager)*

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of August 15, 2011:

- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
 - Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Thursday, August 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

Poetry Deadline - MONDAY! The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission's popular "Third Thursday" poetry series, hosted by Martin FitzPatrick, begins its sixth season this fall. As in the past, the series will feature some of the finest poets in Takoma Park and in the region. To be considered as a featured poet in the 2011-2012 series, please submit three to five of your poems to the Commission at SaraD@takomagov.org. The deadline for submissions is this coming Monday, August 15. For more information, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301-891-7224 or SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing & Community Development)*

CDBG Grant Applications Available: The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and the provision of improved community facilities and services. Program guidelines and application form are available online <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/>. Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. For more information, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301-891-7224 or by email at SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing & Community Development)*

Tenant Rights Class- September 13: The landlord-tenant staff will be offering a free class on your rights as a tenant in Takoma Park. If you have questions about how your security deposit should be processed when you vacate, the legal rent for your apartment, your rights when a landlord needs to enter your unit to do repairs, come to this class to learn about these topics and much more. To pre-register for the class, call 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Last Chance to File Tax Credit Applications - Deadline September 1: Don't miss the September 1, 2011 deadline for submitting your applications for the Maryland Tax Credit Programs. The program is designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation no later than September 1 of each year. To obtain an application for either tax credit program, you can call 301-891-7222 or access it on the state's website, www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/sdatforms.html and scroll to the bottom of the page. *(Housing and Community Development)*

August Spanish Circle Time CANCELED: Spanish Circle Time with Senora Geiza is canceled through the rest of August, due to a death in the Senora's family. She will return in September. *(Library)*

Comics Jam: Kids and grownups are encouraged to join us on Monday August 15 at 7 PM for a special "Comics Jam" with our graphic novel guru Dave Burbank. Come read comics on the big screen! Share your favorites! Made possible by the Friends of the Library. No registration necessary. *(Library)*

Charity Golf Tournament: The 10th. annual charity golf tournament in memory of Mike Morrissey is scheduled for September 12. There is still time to participate, or sponsor a hole or a tee, or make a donation to this event. All proceeds go to the Library. Call Ellen at the Library for information 301-891-7258 or e-mail her at ellenr@takomagov.org. *(Library)*

Space Still Available in Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Camp! We anticipate a fun-filled week at the Dribble, Pass & Shoot Basketball Camp that commences at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Monday, August 15th. This year's camp will be led by Don Bosco High School Athletic Director and Boys Head Basketball Coach, Frank Simpson. Campers will have a fun week as they learn the importance of commitment, teamwork, character and being a winner on and off the court. The campers will participate in various drills that accentuate their development in dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding and defense. They also will have the opportunity to put these skills to the test in 5-on-5 games, 3-on-3 games and skill/station challenges. Spaces are still available. Register now or contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

Super Sports Camp - Farewell!!! This past week 10 campers ages 6-9 participated in the final session of the Super Sports Camp. There was never a dull moment with this bunch, as their personalities made coming to camp an adventure each day. Campers competed in sports such as basketball, kickball, soccer, flag football, outdoor street hockey, and T-ball. They also had the opportunity to go on field trips to the Martin Luther King Jr. swimming pool and Volcano Island. Many thanks to the participants for helping to make this week a blast!! *(Recreation)*

Tiny Tykes Basketball Skills: The final class for the Tiny Tykes Basketball program will be tomorrow (August 13). Over the last six weeks 15 girls and boys ages 3-5 were able to enhance their skills in the game of basketball. They were taught the basic FUNdamentals of the game including dribbling, passing and shooting. Watch out world, these Takoma Park All-Stars are ready for the big leagues!! *(Recreation)*

Takoma Park T-Ball: The 2011 T-Ball season will wrap up this Saturday, August 13 after 8 weeks of jam packed action. Participants were able to meet new friends while learning the game of baseball at the same time. All players will receive participation awards for a job well done. The Recreation Department would like to thank all of the volunteer coaches who dedicated their time and efforts to make this program a success. *(Recreation)*

Camp Takoma Wet and Wild: The camp was jam packed with adventure. The campers participated in water games, relays and activities and got to go swimming on Wednesday at MLK Outdoor Pool and on Thursday at Volcano Island in Sterling, VA. The campers had a blast splashing around in the splash park and they even got to dig for buried treasure on Tiki Beach. The day ended with a big splash with a pizza party and water obstacle course. *(Recreation)*

Y.E.S. League - Congrats to the Champs!! WOW, what an amazing week! The Takoma Park Y.E.S. Basketball League has two new Champions. On Tuesday the "Red" team coached by Jennifer Anderson (a Takoma Park native) was crowned the 2011 Champions in the Middle School division as they were able to convincingly defeat the "Blue" team. On Thursday, in dramatic fashion, coach Avon Jackson (also a Takoma Park native) was able to lead his team (Carolina Blue) to victory as they slightly edged out the "Black" team to take home the title in the High School Division. These two teams have earned a place in the Y.E.S. League history books. Great job to all the coaches and players that participated in the 2011 season! *(Recreation)*

Summer Game Show for Seniors: Ten seniors played "Let's make A Deal" on Tuesday, August 9. The seniors used strategy to outwit Paula, the game host, to win prizes. These game shows are growing in popularity with the seniors, and they have requested more games for the future. *(Recreation)*

Seniors Ride the Trolley: Eighteen seniors rode a vintage trolley through the parkland surrounding the National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville, Maryland on Thursday, August 11. Later they enjoyed a docent led tour of "Street Car Hall", and a film on the history of trolley cars. *(Recreation)*

Camp Recess ends as it starts; on a high note! The 7th week of Camp Recess at the Takoma Park Recreation Center was an enjoyable, exciting and fun-filled week for all of the campers. With the theme being Wet & Wild Water week, the campers had a terrific time. There were water battles, water balloon games, arts and crafts, and swimming that our campers truly enjoyed. This week's camp ending treat included a cook-out that was sponsored by the Takoma Park Lions Club. Good luck to the campers as they prepare to go back to school. *(Recreation)*

Officers in Meetings:

- On August 11, Capt. Coursey attended the regularly scheduled Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting. Items discussed included preparations for events in the upcoming National Emergency Preparedness Month (September), including stepping up PSA's and other media efforts for public education, presenting materials for distribution at the upcoming Folk Festival, and presenting information during citizen comment period of Council meetings during the month.
- On August 12, Capt. Coursey attended a presentation at the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on the State's Transportation Evacuation Plan for the DC area. (Police)

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (August 5-11, 2011) may be viewed online at: http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/08/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_11.html . (Police)

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 219 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, 10 vehicle impounds, two Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests from traffic, and one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic. (Police)

During August 4-11, 2011, the following details were completed:

August 4, 2011

- Park Avenue & Spruce Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two warnings.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.

August 6, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue & Sligo Creek Parkway (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).

August 7, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.

August 8, 2011

- Takoma Langley Crossroads area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued 17 State citations.
- Prince George's Avenue at Belford Place & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Maple Avenue at Sherman Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (miscellaneous enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued two State citations and seven warnings.

August 10, 2011

- 4th Avenue & Alleghany Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Maple Avenue at Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60 minute detail and issued three State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Division Street at Greenwood Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 8400 block of Flower Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

August 11, 2011

- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
(Police)

Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes) for the Week Ending August 11, 2011:

- Calls for service: 4
- State Citations issued: 48
- City tickets: 2
- Reports: 9
- Court: 9 hours
- On View arrests: 1
- Criminal Citations: 1
(Police)